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H. R. 1813

To amend the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 to authorize appropriations to provide assistance for domestic and foreign centers and programs for the treatment of victims of torture, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 11, 2003

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. LANTOS, Mr. PITTS, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, and Mr. SABO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Torture Victims Relief
5 Reauthorization Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DOMES-**
2 **TIC TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**
3 **TORTURE.**

4 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
5 5(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 (22
6 U.S.C. 2152 note) is amended to read as follows:

7 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
8 the amounts authorized to be appropriated for the
9 Department of Health and Human Services for fis-
10 cal years 2004, 2005, and 2006, there are author-
11 ized to be appropriated to carry out subsection (a)
12 (relating to assistance for domestic centers and pro-
13 grams for the treatment of victims of torture)
14 \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 2004, \$25,000,000 for
15 fiscal year 2005, and \$30,000,000 for fiscal year
16 2006.”.

17 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
18 subsection (a) shall take effect October 1, 2003.

19 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOR-**
20 **EIGN TREATMENT CENTERS FOR VICTIMS OF**
21 **TORTURE.**

22 (a) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
23 4(b)(1) of the Torture Victims Relief Act of 1998 (22
24 U.S.C. 2152 note) is amended to read as follows:

25 “(1) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Of
26 the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fiscal

1 years 2004, 2005, and 2006 pursuant to chapter 1
 2 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961,
 3 there are authorized to be appropriated to the Presi-
 4 dent to carry out section 130 of such Act (relating
 5 to assistance for centers in foreign countries and
 6 programs for the treatment of victims of torture)
 7 \$11,000,000 for fiscal year 2004, \$12,000,000 for
 8 fiscal year 2005, and \$13,000,000 for fiscal year
 9 2006.”.

10 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
 11 subsection (a) shall take effect October 1, 2003.

12 **SEC. 4. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE**
 13 **UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION TO THE**
 14 **UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR**
 15 **VICTIMS OF TORTURE.**

16 Of the amounts authorized to be appropriated for fis-
 17 cal years 2004, 2005, and 2006 pursuant to chapter 3
 18 of part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, there
 19 are authorized to be appropriated to the President for a
 20 voluntary contribution to the United Nations Voluntary
 21 Fund for Victims of Torture \$6,000,000 for fiscal year
 22 2004, \$7,000,000 for fiscal year 2005, and \$8,000,000
 23 for fiscal year 2006.

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